



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,
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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors and friends who are celebrating with us.

SUN:26/7/2026 MASS: 9:00am Adwoa Birthday, Charles, Gloria & Ifeanyi Thanksgiving for mercies & blessings received, Angel Chibuifem F. Iwuoha 3rd Birthday Blessings, Malachy & Ellen Ofarrell RIP

MASS: 11.00am: Fr. Bolmax Pereira RIP

MASS: 6.30pm Thanksgiving to St Christopher for travellers, drivers & motorists,

MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP,

TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer 10.00am

WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm

MASS 6.30pm Charity Okoase Intention, Paulina Okoase Birthday Thanksgiving, Anna Maxmillian Special Int.

THURS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am – 1.00pm

FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 12.30pm

MASS: 12:30pm A. Macdonald RIP, **Praise & Worship 7pm – 9pm**

SATURDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer 10.00am

SUN:2/8/2026 MASS: 9:00am Hazel Fernandes Birthday

MASS: 11.00am:

MASS: 6.30pm Joseph & Theresa Almeida RIP

CONFESSIONS: Available this week on, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday during the Exposition of the Holy Sacrament. Please contact Father at the Presbytery if you would like him to hear your confession during this period if he is not already in the confessional.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: THURSDAY 1pm until 7pm – Please come to the Presbytery with your enquiries.

MINISTRIES:

Readers for this Sunday, 26th July

9am Mass: Sweenal F, Canelli F, Angel

11am Mass: Constance, Ellen K, Kodjo

6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 2nd August

9am Mass Sr. Caroline, Rocky D, Kathleen S.

11am Mass: Cecilia JP, Patrick I, Analee

6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 26th July

9am Mass: Jim B, Jessicah M, Chris L.

11am Mass: Sr. Theresa, Dorothy, Cecilia JP

6.30pm Mass: Seby, Sr. Susan, John

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 2nd August

9am Mass: Millie A, Evelyn P, John McN,

11am Mass: John I, Rosemary M, Dorothy

6.30pm Mass:

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

9am: Gloria, Charles & Family

11am Natty & Precious

Next Sunday:

Our Readings:

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

You have asked for yourself understanding.

Psalms: 119(118):57,72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. 97a

O LORD, How I love your law!

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

He Predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

He sells all that he has and buys that field

Thank you for your generous giving, May God bless you.

St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:

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NOTICES:

Summer Outreach BBQ: Our annual Summer Outreach BBQ will take place on Saturday, 25th July at 12pm. Volunteers to help organise and run this event are required. We will begin set up at 8am, please come along and assist. We are also requesting your help and support for items towards the BBQ, please bring these in on the day itself.

Praise & Worship: Our monthly Praise and Worship which will take place on Friday, 31st July at 7pm – 9pm. All are welcome to this very special service.

Restoration Works: The church interior restoration work is now due to begin on Monday 3rd August, as a result, all services will take place from that date in a marquee that will be set up in the church garden until the church is reopened. **Important amendment** - Fr. Pius will put in place a 7am mass from Sunday 9th August to help accommodate all. This will enable us to manage seating everyone comfortably during services and also help with car park spaces as we will lose a few near the front for health and safety reasons.

To prepare for these changes, we need help after the 6.30pm mass on Sunday 26th July to put up the marquees. If you could help, please do stay behind, it will make light work of the set up. We will also need help putting the chairs in place on 2nd and 3rd August.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2027: At the end of August forms will be available to begin the process of applying for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you intend to enroll your child for either one of these sacraments, please note we will require a copy of their Baptism certificate. You should therefore get in touch with the church they were baptised at for a copy certificate if you do not already have one available. For First Holy Communion the minimum age is 7. For Confirmation the minimum age is 13.

RCIA: Those who wish to become a Catholic are asked to put their name and contact details down on the form at the back of the Church. We will be in touch in September to begin classes to take this group forward. Please share this information with anyone you know that would be interested.

St Vincent and Padre Pio Deliverance and Healing Convention at Pantasaph, Wales. 22nd August 2026

A coach is being organised for the Annual St Vincent and Padre Pio Deliverance and Healing Convention at Pantasaph, Wales, to be held on Saturday, the 22nd August 2026 (inclusive of Calvary Hill excursion).

The coach will leave from St Ethelbert's church at 5.30am (assemble at 5.15pm sharp) and leave Pantasaph at 5.30pm after a short visit to Prestatyn beach.

Please give your name and coach charge of £45 (lunch will be provided) with Margaret/Natty on / 07878 851787 07397149269. Booking needs to be confirmed and paid before 5th Aug 2026. We can also be contacted for parking alternatives.

Retrouvaille: MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON DISCERNMENT DAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Are you wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? If you are seeking to deepen your relationship with Christ and explore God's plan for your life, you are warmly invited to attend a Discernment Day for Vocations to the Priesthood.

Date: Saturday, 8 August **Time:** 10:30 a.m. **Venue:** St Augustine Catholic Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Milton Keynes

The day will include prayer, reflection, Mass, fellowship, and opportunities to speak with priests and others discerning God's call. It is open to young men and men aged 16 and above who are considering a vocation to the Catholic priesthood in the Diocese of Northampton. For further information or to register, please contact:

Fr. Pius, Vocations Director, Diocese of Northampton, Email: vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org
Tel: 01753 523147

Car Park: Please ensure that when you visit the church you put your car registration into the parking tablet at the back of the church.